

State Senate Committee Meets to Discover Why General-Fund Cos ts Went up by 81%

Economy-minded taxpayers may not always be given a day in court as to state expenditures, but at least your Legislature will see to it that they are given a chance to learn the reasons for the skyrocketing costs of state government. The Senate fact-finding committee on revenue and taxation recently called a series of meetings to find out why the cost of state operations is so relentlessly increasing. In announcing its plans, the committee called attention to the fact that during the five-year period since 1955, general-fund expenditures have grown 81%, while revenues to the fund, including tax raises voted in 1959, have increased only 62%. Because of this differential, it was pointed out, it is inevitable that substantial new taxes will have to be levied within the next few years.

Specific example of extraordinary boosts in state agency budgets during this period were cited as evidence. In the 1955-56 fiscal year, the amount allocated for state colleges was \$22,789,000. For 1960-61, it is \$66,469,000—almost triple in a third of the time it would take a toddler to grow to college age. In the same time, the budget for the youth authority has jumped 104%. That for natural resources has climbed 86%, for mental hygiene 80%, and for the University 76%. Contrast these startling increases with the population growth during the same period—only an estimated 23%, but still one of the highest in the nation.

The committee warned that California faces the prospect of more budgetary deficiencies in years ahead unless drastic action of some kind to prevent it is taken. The sheer pressure of population increases, with their attendant demands for even elementary state services, plus a vital need for a statewide water system, will force the cost of government ever higher unless effective action is promptly taken to keep it in line with taxpayers resources. Attention was directed to the basic difference between state and federal financing of their respective operations.

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